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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

<i>Application Number</i>	09/701,014
<i>Filing Date</i>	November 22, 2000
<i>First Named Inventor</i>	Mitraphanous, et al.
<i>Group Art Unit</i>	1636
<i>Examiner Name</i>	D. Guzo
<i>Attorney Docket Number</i>	674523-2023

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. Submission required under CFR 1.114.

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Other references by Certo, et al., Manmomo et al., Christodoulopoulos et al., and Mochizuki et al.

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
Deposit Account No. 50-0320.
- b. Checks in the amount of **\$375.00** and **\$205.00** are enclosed for the following: **08/25/2003 MITZUNEG 00000034 09701014**
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) **01 FC:2801 375.00 OP**
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
- c. Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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WITH REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

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Sir:

This Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination, and is in response to the final Office Action dated March 20, 2003, and having a three month term for reply.

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), a two-month extension of the period for reply, i.e., to up to and including August 20, 2003 is requested. A check for \$205.00 is enclosed in payment of the fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a) for a small entity. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional required fee for this extension of time or any other fee occasioned by this paper, or credit any overpayment in such fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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